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ANNUAL REPORT

OF THE

TOWN OFFICERS

OF THE

Town of Williamsburg

FOR THE

YEAR ENDING DECEMBER 31, 1956

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Williamsburgh Historical Society
Williamsburgh, Massachusetts

In honored memory of Miss Anne T. Dunphy, late principal of Williamsburg High School, counselor and guide, a true and loyal friend, we pay tribute to Miss Dunphy who encouraged many steps which resulted in the progress of the Williamsburg High School to first rank in education and ideals. She will ever hold a place in the heart of every citizen of the town of Williamsburg.

Lucius A. Merritt entered our school system as superintendent July 1, 1922. His congenial manner and love for children contributed to a pleasing career in our schools. His untimely departure was a great shock to all who knew and worked with him, but the achievement of the projects he worked for stands as a fitting memorial.

Town Officers

as of Dec. 31, 1956

	Term Expires
Selectmen:	
Walter E. Kellogg, Jr., Chairman	1958
Frank P. Paul	1957
Carl M. Hemenway, Clerk	1959
Town Clerk:	
Charles W. Wells	1957
Town Treasurer:	
Miss Anna E. Watson	1957
Assessors:	
Edwin C. Breckenridge, Chairman	1958
Joseph M. Dymerski	1957
Ruth T. Mongeau	1959
Tax Collector:	
Barbara W. Swanda	1958
Elector, Oliver Smith Will:	
Merton Bickford	1957
School Committee:	
Kenneth Sherk, Chairman	1959
Eleanor Mansfield, Secretary	1957
Eleanor Ballway	1959
Erol Bowie	1958
Norman F. Graves	1958

Constables:

Charles Cross	1957
Vardic Golash	1957

Board of Health:

Bernard Reardon, Chairman	1957
Dr. Joseph R. Hobbs	1958
Mrs. Margaret L. Madison	1959

Water Commissioners:

Charles M. Damon, Jr., Chairman	1958
Bertram W. Clarke	1957
George H. Childs	1959

Tree Warden:

David L. Dewey	1957

Trustees of Haydenville Library:

Mrs. Lula Smith	1959
Mrs. Maude E. Sanderson	1958
Viola J. Fraser	1957

Trust Fund Commissioners:

Frederick L. Smith	1959
Arthur H. Showalter (Deceased)	1958
Donald S. Outhuse	1957

Recreation Committee:

Barbara Hathaway, Chairman	1957
Albert Mosher, Jr.	1958
Henry T. Hmieleski	1959

Moderator:

John H. Breguet	1957

Selectmen's Report

The Selectmen met and organized February 13, 1956 as follows: Walter E. Kellogg, Jr., Chairman; Carl M. Hemenway, Clerk, and Frank Paul, Chairman of the Board of Welfare.

Fifty-two regular meetings were held during the year.

Highway work was carried on in a very efficient and satisfactory manner by the newly appointed Superintendent of Highways, Harry Warner, Jr. Details of some of the more important work are as follows:

Chapter 90 Construction, Ashfield Road—2200 ft. road built and 2-⅓ gals. per yd. application of T-6. 600 ft. of road graded and sloped on southern side of same job.
Chapter 81 Construction, Old Goshen Road—1100 ft. shaped and graded, ready for surface treatment.

Adams Road—1200 ft. shaped, graded, ready for treatment.

Chapter 90 Maintenance—1 mile of road resurfaced.

Chapter 81 Maintenance—1.9 miles of road resurfaced.

Materials used: 12,788 yds. gravel, 15,555 gals. oil, 558 tons grits, 55 tons patch material, 15 tons calcium chloride.

Approximately $5,000.00 was paid out to truck owners in town. We would like to point out that because of

the age and condition of the majority of the town equipment, it is impossible to maintain a healthy machinery earnings account.

Very large and late snowstorms in the spring of 1956 and an unusual number of snowfalls in December have greatly increased the costs of winter highways.

Verbal agreements have been made with two residents who have acquired four-wheel drive trucks which are very efficient in plowing snow and especially efficient in deep and hard packed snow. In cases where a two-wheeled drive could not get through, costly bulldozing was resorted to, prior to the present truck hiring arrangement. The hired cost per hour is high for snow plowing but the Selectmen are not so optimistic as to believe the Town wished to buy two new four-wheel drive trucks.

Average age of the town trucks, aside from the new one, is 9-⅔ years, the oldest being a 1945 model. We feel the need for a new loader to be much more urgent than for a truck and we are requesting that the Town buy only the new loader. The savings in not buying a new truck will be more than offset in increased operating costs of the old trucks but we feel the overall loss would be much greater if the highway department has to go along with the old loader.

All Veterans' Services have been turned over to the Veterans' Service Department under the direction of Herbert Haskell of Worthington who, by vote of your Selectmen, is now the Town's Veterans' Agent.

The Library Bridge in Haydenville was found to be corroded to the extent that it was condemned for further use. Construction of a new bridge is entirely in the hands of the State Department of Public Works.

State auditors have advised the Selectmen that earnings of "worthy poor" funds should be expended entirely annually. We have done our best but we have had only enough applications to partly succeed. It is hoped that those qualified will be ready to make application in the future.

Attention is called to the state of Town Finances. With this Town in fourth place in honors as high tax-rate in this state, it is felt that with the fully recommended budget increases with all other unessential as well as essential requests, we have a very good chance of achieving top honors in the state during the year 1957. We most certainly are on our way to over the $100.00 tax rate barrier which may be evaded, however, by sugar-coating with our reappraisal.

Respectfully submitted,

WALTER E. KELLOGG, JR., Chairman

FRANK P. PAUL

CARL M. HEMENWAY

Articles from the Town Warrant

Article 1. To elect a Moderator for one year. To elect one Selectman for a term of three years, who shall be an Overseer of Public Welfare. To elect one Town Clerk, one Treasurer, two Constables, one Elector under the will of the late Oliver Smith, Esq., one Tree Warden, all for a term of one year. To elect one Assessor, one Water Commissioner, one member of the Board of Health and one Recreation Commissioner, all for a term of three years. To elect two Trust Fund Commissioners, one for a term of one year and one for a term of three years. To elect one Library Trustee for a term of three years. To elect one School Committeeman for a term of three years.

Article 2. To choose all necessary minor Town Officers for the ensuing year.

Article 3. To see if the Town will vote to authorize the Town Treasurer with the approval of the Selectmen, to borrow money from time to time in anticipation of the revenue of the financial year beginning January 1, 1957, and to issue a note or notes therefor, payable within one year and to renew any note or notes as may be given for a period of less than one year, in accordance with Section 17, Chapter 44 of the General Laws.

Article 4. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate such sums of money as shall be deemed necessary to defray the expenses of the current year.

Article 5. To hear the reports of the Selectmen, Treasurer, Town Clerk, Tax Collector, Assessors, School

Committee, Water Commissioners, and other Committees and act thereon.

Article 6. To choose a committee to expend the income from the Whiting Street Fund.

Article 7. To see if the Town will vote to authorize the Selectmen to cooperate with the County and State under the provisions of Chapter 90 of the General Laws, for construction, and to vote to appropriate the sum of $2,500.00, the Town's share of the expense, or take any other action thereon.

Article 8. To see if the Town will vote to authorize the Selectmen to cooperate with the County and State under the provisions of Chapter 90 of the General Laws, for maintenance, and to vote to appropriate the sum of $1,000.00, the Town's share of the expense, and to vote to appropriate the sum of $2,000.00, the County and State's share of the expense, and in anticipation of reimbursement from the County and State under the provisions of the Chapter the Town's share to be raised by taxation and County and State's share to be taken from the Surplus Revenue Account and returned to the Surplus Revenue Account when received from the County and State, or take any other action thereon.

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44%
30%

Report of Finance Committee

Please refer to the Town Accountant's report where you will find listed the transfers from the Reserve Fund that we made to cover deficiencies in various departments during the year 1956.

We refer you to the pages of this Town Report wherein is listed the Budget Requests and our Recommendations for 1957.

The Finance Committee reminds the townspeople that our schools have been expanded and improved and with the rising costs of supplies and salaries is now taking approximately 60% of our total budget. This does not include the payments on principal or interest on the school bonds.

We agree that good schools are the most important facility a town provides for its citizens and we all want to provide the best possible education for our children.

Therefore, the finance committee has tried to apportion the remaining 40% of the budget so all the other departments can function to provide essential services.

With the above in mind, we have gone over with each department, every item listed in their budgets, and while we might feel that all the requests were proper and desirable they represented an increase over last year's budgets of about $20,000. We are forced to conclude that at present it is not a question of what is desirable for the Town but a question of what the taxpayers can afford to pay for. We have accordingly recommended a budget which reduces this increase to about $5,000 over

last year, by reducing individual items or by using other available funds in the case of Old Age Assistance and Aid to Dependent Children.

Your Finance Committee has spent long hours studying these budgets and town finances, but can only recommend to the voters. What is appropriated depends entirely upon those voters present at Town Meeting.

It shows a deplorable lack of interest on the part of the people of a town when about 90% of the voters stay away from Town Meeting and let the other 10% make all the appropriations that make up the tax rate.

The Finance Committee wishes to thank the officials of the Town for their cooperation. These public spirited men and women are serving you with little or no pay and are deserving of all our support.

Respectfully submitted,

DONALD S. OUTHUSE
JOHN O. JONES
W. LEROY LEONARD
MRS. VIOLA FRASER
HANS L. NIETSCHE
ROLLO PURRINGTON
MRS. CARL RUSTEMEYER
WINFIELD S. SMITH
MRS. HARRY WILLISTON

Budget Requests and Recommendations, 1957

	1956 Approp.	1956 Expended	1957 Request	1957 Recom.
Moderator	$25.00	$25.00	$35.00	$35.00
Finance				
Reserve	4,000.00	3,322.91	4,000.00	4,000.00
Maintenance	40.00	40.00	75.00	75.00
	4,040.00	3,362.91	4,075.00	4,075.00
Selectmen				
Salaries, Chairman	400.00	400.00	400.00	400.00
Member	200.00	200.00	200.00	200.00
Member	200.00	200.00	200.00	200.00
Maintenance	300.00	234.72	300.00	300.00
Advertising	50.00	37.50	50.00	50.00
	1,150.00	1,072.22	1,150.00	1,150.00
Treasurer				
Salary	900.00	900.00	1,200.00	1,200.00
Maintenance	350.00	345.41	400.00	400.00
Tax Title Expense	75.00	5.00	75.00	75.00
	1,325.00	1,250.41	1,675.00	1,675.00
Elector, Oliver Smith Will	10.00	10.00	10.00	10.00
Accountant				
Salary	750.00	750.00	750.00	750.00
Maintenance	100.00	99.16	150.00	150.00
	850.00	849.16	900.00	900.00

Assessors				
Salaries	550.00	550.00	550.00	550.00
Maintenance	250.00	204.19	250.00	250.00
	800.00	754.19	800.00	800.00
Town Clerk				
Salary	300.00	300.00	300.00	300.00
Maintenance	300.00	300.00	330.00	330.00
Elections and Registrations	800.00	814.93	300.00	300.00
Street Listings (Chap. 51 SA)			275.00	275.00
	1,400.00	1,414.93	1,205.00	1,205.00
Tax Collector				
Salary	600.00	600.00	600.00	600.00
Maintenance	535.00	560.60	550.00	550.00
Adding Machine	294.00	268.40		
	1,429.00	1,429.00	1,150.00	1,150.00
Town Secretary				
Salary and Maintenance	1,500.00	1,500.00	1,500.00	1,500.00
General Government				
Town Hall	300.00	405.88	325.00	325.00
Town Shed	150.00	149.88	150.00	150.00
Town Counsel	250.00	507.04	300.00	300.00
Sealer, Weights & Measures	100.00	100.00	100.00	100.00
Tree Warden	900.00	900.00	1,200.00	1,200.00
Town Clocks	175.00	254.47	125.00	125.00
Town Reports	350.00	396.00	400.00	400.00
Memorial Day	150.00	152.25	165.00	165.00
Wood Lot	10.00	9.75	12.00	12.00
Gypsy Moth & Public Nuisances State Liab.	642.40	9.00	300.00	300.00
Dutch Elm Control State Liab.	321.20	327.00	750.00	750.00
Dutch Elm Control Town			350.00	350.00
	3,348.60	3,211.27	4,177.00	4,177.00

Recreation Committee				
Athletic Field	400.00	308.73	400.00	400.00
Recreation	100.00	190.35	100.00	100.00
Power Mower			200.00	200.00
	500.00	499.08	700.00	700.00
Police				
Salaries	200.00	200.00	200.00	200.00
Telephones	125.00	129.10	140.00	140.00
Special Police	100.00	106.10	100.00	100.00
Equipment	100.00	132.65	150.00	150.00
Patrolling	1,400.00	1,383.20	1,400.00	1,400.00
School Patrol	800.00	852.15	1,000.00	1,000.00
	2,725.00	2,803.20	2,990.00	2,990.00
Fire Department				
Salaries, Chief	200.00	200.00	400.00	300.00
Deputy Chief	150.00	150.00	200.00	200.00
Firefighters	70.00	64.00	350.00	175.00
Telephone and Lights	750.00	924.57	800.00	800.00
Insurance	200.50	178.28	250.00	250.00
Labor at Fires	1,000.00	1,214.50	1,300.00	1,300.00
Fuel	400.00	548.33	600.00	600.00
Equipment Maintenance	1,000.00	1,034.11	1,000.00	1,000.00
Training	300.00	114.00		
New Equipment	800.00	775.20	500.00	500.00
Water Holes	100.00			
Radio Equipment			1,200.00	000.00
Building Maintenance	600.00	341.24	400.00	400.00
Administration	50.00	75.56	75.00	75.00
	5,620.50	5,619.79	7,075.00	5,600.00
Highways				
Chapter 81	3,150.00	3,150.00	3,150.00	3,150.00
Winter and General	10,000.00	15,620.73	12,000.00	12,000.00
Bridges & Railings	2,000.00	2,000.00	2,500.00	2,000.00
Sidewalk Repair	200.00	199.98	250.00	250.00
Chapter 90 Construction	2,500.00	2,500.00	2,500.00	2,000.00
Chapter 90 Maintenance	1,000.00	1,000.00	1,000.00	1,000.00
Tool Account	200.00	173.20	200.00	200.00
Street Lights	3,220.00	3,158.14	3,231.60	3,231.60
	22,270.00	27,802.05	24,831.60	23,831.60

Board of Health				
Public Health	1,200.00	402.00	1,200.00	1,200.00
Barn & Animal Inspection	60.00	60.00	60.00	60.00
Chairman's Salary	100.00	100.00	100.00	100.00
Dairy Inspection	75.00		75.00	75.00
Slaughter Inspection	125.00	30.00	100.00	100.00
Dump Rental	200.00	200.00	200.00	200.00
Rubbish Collection	500.00	556.00	720.00	720.00
Well Child Clinic	300.00	300.00	350.00	350.00
Dump Caretaker	520.00	609.60	700.00	700.00
Dump Maintenance	300.00	326.00	400.00	400.00
Administration	100.00	76.85	100.00	100.00
Garbage Collection	1,800.00	1,800.00	1,800.00	1,800.00
Immunization Clinic	300.00		300.00	300.00
	5,580.00	4,460.45	6,105.00	6,105.00
Water Department				
Caretaker, Pumping Station	150.00	150.54	150.00	150.00
Caretaker, Watershed	100.00	70.75	100.00	100.00
Caretaker, Chlorinator	100.00	90.75	100.00	100.00
Pipeline Maintenance	4,000.00	5,922.80	5,000.00	5,000.00
Watershed	3,800.00	273.47	3,800.00	3,800.00
Chlorinator Maintenance	1,000.00	325.81	1,000.00	1,000.00
Well Maintenance & Pumping Costs	1,200.00	2,386.37	2,000.00	2,000.00
Administration	300.00	168.83	200.00	200.00
South St. Extension Note			500.00	500.00
Additional Water Supply Note			2,000.00	2,000.00
Additional Water Supply Interest			360.00	360.00
Sanatorium Extension Note			1,000.00	1,000.00
Sanatorium Extension Interest			41.25	41.25
Water Connections		46.92		
	10,650.00	9,436.24	16,251.25	16,251.25
Public Welfare				
General Aid	3,000.00	1,083.65	2,500.00	2,500.00
Maintenance	200.00	200.00	200.00	200.00
Disability Assistance	6,000.00	6,000.00	6,000.00	6,000.00
Aid to Dependent Children	7,500.00	7,378.52	5,000.00	2,500.00
Old Age Assistance	20,000.00	20,000.00	20,000.00	12,500.00
Agent's Salary	1,000.00	1,000.00	1,000.00	1,000.00
	37,700.00	35,662.17	34,700.00	24,700.00

Veterans' Benefits				
Assistance	2,500.00	3,447.13	3,500.00	3,500.00
Agent's Salary & Adm.			325.00	325.00
Agent's Salary	300.00	350.00		
Agent's Maintenance	150.00	135.58		
	2,950.00	3,932.71	3,825.00	3,825.00
Civilian Defense				
Heat and Light	100.00	25.07	100.00	100.00
Administration			50.00	50.00
	100.00	25.07	150.00	150.00
Cemeteries				
Mountain St.	75.00	75.00	75.00	75.00
Old Village Hill	200.00	129.15	150.00	150.00
	275.00	204.15	225.00	225.00
Haydenville Library	500.00	534.10	325.00	325.00
Interest on Revenue	200.00	381.19	300.00	300.00
Workmen's Compensation	1,400.00	1,450.29	1,500.00	1,500.00
School Department				
Teachers' Salaries	92,099.36	95,249.29	100,499.01	100,499.01
Special Class Law 514	3,500.00	2,866.88	3,500.00	3,500.00
Adjustment Counselor			2,900.00	2,900.00
Adjustment Counselor's Travel			300.00	
Janitors' Salaries	9,900.00	9,569.52	9,900.00	9,900.00
Janitors' Supplies	1,300.00	972.07	1,300.00	1,300.00
Drawing Supervisor	1,026.67	854.06	1,000.00	1,000.00
Superintendent's Salary	2,700.00	3,771.83	2,700.00	2,700.00
Secretaries' Salaries	2,900.00	2,899.92	3,240.00	3,240.00
Union Expense	415.00	371.25	400.00	400.00
Nurse and Travel Expense	706.67	621.00	758.00	758.00
Physicians' Salaries	500.00	500.00	500.00	500.00
Transportation	7,500.00	7,430.06	7,500.00	7,500.00
Fuel	5,000.00	5,287.11	5,500.00	5,500.00
Repairs	800.00	1,119.92	900.00	900.00
Sundries	997.00	1,143.30	1,347.00	1,347.00
Telephones		506.84	450.00	450.00
Books	2,830.00	2,676.68	2,800.00	2,800.00
Classroom Supplies	1,960.00	2,074.56	3,037.47	3,037.47
Office Supplies	350.00	267.07	350.00	350.00

Athletics and Transportation	1,441.85	1,645.10	157.55	157.55
Smith's School Tuition	9,000.00	4,311.68	5,000.00	5,000.00
Smith's School Transportation	1,600.00	483.75	1,250.00	1,250.00
New Equipment	335.00	1,462.61	866.00	866.00
Insurance	1,147.53	1,147.53	1,811.79	1,811.79
Committee's Salaries	275.00	275.00	275.00	275.00
Lights	2,200.00	2,373.18	2,200.00	2,200.00
Driver Education	200.00	282.99	250.00	250.00
Music Supervisor	1,866.67	1,878.56	2,436.00	2,436.00
Penmanship	570.00	288.00		
Physical Education	130.00	141.00	544.00	544.00
Dentist			150.00	150.00
Visual Education		66.66		
	$153,250.75	$152,537.42	$163,821.82	$163,821.82
Totals added	$106,348.10	$107,689.58	$115,654.85	$103,179.25
	$259,598.85	$260,227.00	$279,476.67	$267,001.07

Town Clerk's Report

DOGS

There were 268 dog licenses issued in 1956 as follows: 175 males, 20 females, and 73 spayed females. Six kennel licenses were issued and one transfer license. The sum of $616.20 was paid to the Town Treasurer.

FISH AND GAME

There were 532 sporting licenses issued in 1956 for which the sum of $1,688.50 was returned to the Division of Fisheries and Game.

BIRTHS

A total of 59 births were recorded in 1956, including 8 which occurred in 1955 and on which records were received in 1956. Also listed below are seven births which occurred in 1956 and which are recorded in 1957.

1955

Nov.	7	Raymond Ernest LaCourse
	8	Jeffrey Michael Heath
	11	Herbert Alan Kellogg
	25	Ann Joan Ingellis
Dec.	6	Mark Ernest Warner
	12	Bonnie Sue Sabo
	12	Lois Eleanor Jenkins
	21	Ellen Frances Ames

1956

Jan.	2	Dona Lee Sylvester
	8	Marianne Watling

	9	Lenny Arthur Church
	24	(No Name) Gustavis
	26	Anita Marie Brisbois
Feb.	1	Deborah Ruth Wright
	7	Stephen Joseph Foster
	15	Dianna Lynn Courville
	22	Lori Jeanne Kopka
Mar.	3	Robert Harold Smart
	5	Deborah Lyn Dewey
Apr.	4	Judith Ann LeBeau
	7	Gilbert Edward Loud, Jr.
	17	David Wayne Baldwin
	20	Linda Mary Hmieleski
	24	Kathleen Marion Sylvester
	29	Thomas Joseph Breen
May	2	Ruth Olive Brown
	4	Nancy Ruth Reed
	13	John Patrick McAvoy
	17	Everett Harlan Fuller
	18	Sharon Ruth Guzik
	26	Joseph Louis Perry
	28	Michael Eric Wilson
June	16	Lynda Grace Nicholls
	17	Cynthia Marie Childs
	18	Cheryl Lee Ferron
	19	Gregory John Linscott
	23	Frank Gordon Bradley
July	10	Mary Lee Pierce
	29	Jennifer Lee Robertson
Aug.	6	Michael Leroy Hathaway
Sept.	3	Mary Elizabeth Magdalenski
	5	Mary Ann Margaret Martin
	13	Kirk Andrew Stone
	13	Stephen Joseph Heath

	15	Edward Herrick Childs
	18	Peter Vincent Kocot
	19	Marjorie Anne Newell
	19	Kristen Safford Rouner
	20	Neil Patrick O'Brien
	24	William Thomas Walshe
	29	Karen Ann McCutcheon
Oct.	5	Bonnie Lee Warriner
	13	Gary Ernest Wilkinson
	16	Charles Robert Patnode, Jr.
	17	Betty Ann Dondoros
	20	Shirley Mae Bohmer
	21	Thomas James Krzynowek
	26	Joseph Gordon Connell
	29	Richard James Phaneuf
Nov.	6	Michael Arthur LaCasse
	7	Judith Ann LaCourse
	16	David Francis Golash
	23	Maurice Connell
	26	Leonard Joseph Cranston
		Betsy Jean Everett

MARRIAGES

There were 32 marriages recorded in 1956, as follows:

1955

Dec.	30	Clarence C. Acker, Williamsburg, Mass. Winifred (Reason) Lascor, Williamsburg, Mass.

1956

Jan.	24	Robert Marsh Mathers, Jr., Williamsburg, Mass. Anna Myrtie Hallett, Northampton, Mass.
Feb.	17	Harold Bonzek, Greenfield, Mass. Edith (Lynch) Williams, Haydenville, Mass.

Feb.	25	Charles Walter Roberge, Williamsburg, Mass. Jeannette Carol Cooley, Sunderland, Mass.
April	1	Lloyd Warriner, Williamsburg, Mass. Marjorie Mackenzie, Greenfield, Mass.
	14	Lawrence E. Coogan, Jr., Haydenville, Mass. Ellen Jane Ames, Haydenville, Mass.
	14	Ralph E. Bates, Haydenville, Mass. Judith Ann Markley, Norfolk, Virginia
	14	Lawrence Ernest Daniels, West Springfield, Mass. Nancy Marian Bowie, Williamsburg, Mass.
May	13	Wesley W. Sorby, San Mateo, California Eleanor Muriel (Rhoades) Parish, Williamsburg, Mass.
June	2	Bernard R. Bachand, Haydenville, Mass. Nancy A. Allaire, Haydenville, Mass.
	9	James E. Gulow, Northampton, Mass. Joan C. Kenney, Williamsburg, Mass.
	10	James Albert Swindell, Jr., Northampton, Mass. Barbara Louise Durbin, Northampton, Mass.
	23	Leon Burton Cranson, Haydenville, Mass. Elizabeth Ann O'Connor, Northampton, Mass.
	23	Ernest Joseph Braman, Williamsburg, Mass. June Elizabeth Allen, Williamsburg, Mass.
	30	William Berton Foster, Haydenville, Mass. Mary (Wells) Mimitz, Williamsburg, Mass.
	30	Paul Jerome O'Brien, Haydenville, Mass. Elizabeth Mabel Dunny, Northampton, Mass.
July	4	William Francis Hibbard, Northampton, Mass. Carol Ann Beal, Haydenville, Mass.
	7	Donald H. Baldwin, Haydenville, Mass. Joan C. Braman, Williamsburg, Mass.
Sept.	1	Robert Francis Kearney, Haydenville, Mass. Christine Ann Diemand, Northampton, Mass.

	1	Elson Willcutt Hathaway, Jr., Williamsburg, Mass. Eleanor Warren, Stowe, Mass.
	8	Robert Danforth Healy, Chesterfield, Mass. Juanita Mae Tirrell, Williamsburg, Mass.
	8	Harry G. Hawk, Cambridge, Minnesota Helen Guyette, Williamsburg, Mass.
	8	Frank E. Nesbitt, Goshen, Mass. Ann Marie Superba, Williamsburg, Mass.
	15	Gordon H. Hathaway, Williamsburg, Mass. Phyllis M. Johndrow, Haydenville, Mass.
Oct.	20	Donald L. Owens, Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania Dorothy B. Golash, Haydenville, Mass.
Nov.	3	Kenneth Irving Nichols, Williamsburg, Mass. Marcia Louise Kellogg, Haydenville, Mass.
	9	Robert G. Gardner, Jr., Haydenville, Mass. Anne L. Ice, Williamsburg, Mass.
	13	John Gesiorek, Northampton, Mass. Marjorie Perry, Williamsburg, Mass.
	15	George W. May, Haydenville, Mass. June (Demerski) Tiley, Haydenville, Mass.
	17	Bernard J. Jablonski, Williamsburg, Mass. Maureen K. McCarthy, Williamsburg, Mass.
	22	Richard B. Walsh, Northampton, Mass. Janice H. Cumm, Haydenville, Mass.

DEATHS

There were 29 deaths recorded in the Town of Williamsburg in 1956, as follows: :

Date			Yr.	Mo.	Da.
1955					
Dec.	3	Donald Purrington	65	7	26
1956					
Jan.	24	(No Name) Gustavis		5 hrs.	
	31	Mary T. (Osborne) Weeks	71	10	28
Feb.	19	Gordon J. Nash	44	0	10

	22	Zygmont K. Batura	63	2	0
	24	Anne T. Dunphy	65	3	0
	29	Raymond Francis Miller	57	7	20
Apr.	7	Susie (Kenney) Baker	47	8	12
	25	Elva (Fuller) Bickford	83	7	28
May	3	Mary A. Murphy	75	1	27
	22	Marion (Smith) Breckenridge	86	6	25
	22	Anna F. (Figgis) Huntley	98	2	11
	25	George W. King	58	4	10
June	11	Malcolm H. Perrea, Jr.	24	4	18
	21	Roseanna (Fontaine) Allaire	79	8	13
July	18	Bernice Otis	69	1	10
	29	Mary Thomas	5	5	1
Aug.	1	Charlotte (Cadden) Warner	92	0	0
	10	George E. Tennyson	81	6	2
	21	Joseph Morin	52	3	17
	27	Arthur H. Showalter	69	4	29
Sept.	11	James C. Ryan	67	9	9
	26	Lucius A. Merritt	68	5	9
	29	Frederick W. Sanderson	60	11	2
Nov.	18	Eva (Brodeur) Paquette	70	0	0
	21	Harry Chester Nedd Smith	83	3	1
	25	Harriet (Forsyth) Packard	88	9	2
	26	Maurice Connell	0	0	3
	27	Myron Albert Lawton	56	0	19

Tax Collector's Report

Outstanding December 31, 1955:			
1953	Real Estate	$52,81	
1954	Personal Property	1,224.76	
	Real Estate	2,489.74	
	Excise Tax	349.26	
1955	Poll Tax	82.00	
	Personal Property	2,752.56	
	Real Estate	21,300.30	
	Excise	1,407.41	
Total			$29,658.84
Abatements:			
1954	Excise Tax	$103.26	
1955	Poll Tax	10.00	
	Excise Tax	360.96	
1956	Poll Tax	32.00	
	Personal Property	529.65	
	Real Estate	6,732.97	
	Excise Tax	946.64	
Total			$8,715.48
Tax Title:			
1956		$108.45	
Commitments:			
1956	Poll Tax	$1,046.00	
	Personal Property	18,717.57	
	Real Estate	161,250.12	
	Excise Tax	18,904.96	
1955	Excise Tax (Committed March, 1956)	245.49	
Total			$200,164.14

Collected and Paid Treasurer
(Including Interest)

1953	Real Estate	$57,89	
1954	Personal Property	446.75	
	Real Estate	1,957.14	
	Excise Tax	78.05	
1955	Poll Tax	90.75	
	Personal Property	1,660.47	
	Real Estate	17,881.86	
	Excise Tax	2,317.30	
1956	Poll Tax	1,056.60	
	Personal Property	14,310.56	
	Real Estate	127,688.49	
	Excise Tax	13,840.88	
Total			$181,386.74

Outstanding December 31, 1956:

1954	Real Estate	$1,297.89	
	Personal Property	307.05	
	Excise Tax	188.88	
1955	Poll Tax	4.00	
	Personal Property	1,132.66	
	Real Estate	4,110.20	
	Excise Tax	337.75	
1956	Poll Tax	20.00	
	Personal Property	3,882.96	
	Real Estate	27,387.84	
	Excise Tax	4,613.77	
Total			$43,283.00

Respectfully submitted,

BARBARA W. SWANDA,

Tax Collector

Treasurer's Report

Debits

Jan. 1, 1956, Balance on hand	$113,775.42	
Receipts for the year	479,315.29	
		$593,090.71

Credits

Payments for the year	$428,324.76	
Jan. 1, 1957, Balance on hand	164,765.95	
		$593,090.71

Respectfully submitted,

ANNA E. WATSON,

Treasurer

Report of Town Accountant

In compliance with the provisions of Section 61, Chapter 41, of the General Laws, I submit herewith my report as Town Accountant for the year ending December 31, 1956.

The records of receipts and expenditures showing sources and purposes respectively, together with the statement of Town Debt, Trust Funds, Trial Balances and Balance Sheet will be found in the following pages.

Departmental examinations have been made during the year and I respectfully request that all departments receiving monies for the Town turn them over to the Town Treasurer promptly and at least once a month.

I wish to extend my sincere thanks to all Town Officials for their cooperation.

Respectfully submitted,

WARREN E. McAVOY,

Town Accountant

RECEIPTS

Taxes:	
Real Estate 1953	$52.81
Personal Property 1954	420.91
Real Estate 1954	1,801.20
Real Estate 1954 Water Liens	56.50
Poll Tax 1955	68.00
Personal Property 1955	1,625.76

Real Estate 1955	17,494.76	
Poll Tax 1956	998.00	
Personal Property 1956	14,304.96	
Real Estate 1956	127,637.81	
		$164,460.71
Motor Vehicle and Trailer Excise 1954	64.12	
Motor Vehicle and Trailer Excise 1955	2,186.74	
Motor Vehicle and Trailer Excise 1956	13,831.39	
		16,082.25
Taxes, State:		
Corporation	6,912.77	
Income Tax	3,937.05	
Income Tax— State Aid Chapter 70 Schools	31,946.09	
Income Tax— State Aid Chapter 71 Schools	1,411.76	
Meal Tax	724.78	
Reimbursement—Loss of Taxes	114.30	
Paraplegic Veterans	189.00	
		45,235.75
Licenses:		
Liquor	4,700.00	
Board of Health	6.50	
Junk	10.00	
Automatic Music and Amusement	69.75	
Common Victuallers	18.00	
Hawkers	16.00	
Sunday Licenses	18.00	
Used Car	75.00	
Gasoline	2.00	
		4,915.25

Permits:		
Pistol		10.00
Fines and Forfeitures:		
Court	28.10	
Dog Licenses for County	618.00	
		646.10
Grants and Gifts:		
County—		
Dog License Refunds	378.11	
Chapter 90 Construction 1954	2,277.75	
Chapter 90 Construction 1955	1,225.25	
Chapter 90 Construction 1956	2,500.00	
Chapter 90 Maintenance 1955	1,000.00	
		7,381.11
State—		
Chapter 90 Construction 1955	5,000.00	
Chapter 90 Construction 1956	5,000.00	
Chapter 81 Highways 1955	8,908.59	
Chapter 81 Highways 1956	4,449.25	
Flood Relief	6,134.40	
School Superintendent	1,400.00	
School Transportation	5,460.50	
New Elementary School	8,903.10	
Commodity Distribution—		
School Lunch	4,735.00	
		49,990.84
U. S. Grants—		
Disability Assistance	3,381.21	
Disability Assistance Administration	69.49	
Aid to Dependent Children	3,523.15	
Aid to Dependent Children Administration	553.70	
Old Age Assistance	9,656.47	
Old Age Assistance Administration	309.29	
		17,493.31

Departmental Revenue:		
Sealer of Weights and Measures	54.85	
Disability Assistance—State	4,121.67	
Aid to Dependent Children—State	3,168.13	
Old Age Assistance—State	11,240.41	
Disability Assistance Administration—State	34.75	
Old Age Assistance—Cities and Towns	826.46	
Veterans' Benefits—State	1,599.69	
Old Age Assistance Recoveries	1,934.55	
General Relief, Temporary Aid and Transportation	322.00	
Animal Inspection—State	25.00	
School Department—		
Tuition	9,110.95	
State Ward's Tuition	909.73	
State Ward's Transportation	302.00	
Insurance Claim	7.39	
Miscellaneous Sales and Claims	110.54	
Rent of Gymnasium	52.50	
Cafeteria Income	12,477.06	
		46,297.68
Vocational Education—State	3,931.61	
Water Rents	12,295.45	
County Extension Note and Interest—1955	1,937.50	
County Extension Note and Interest 1956	1,882.50	
Water Miscellaneous	942.19	
Water Entrances and Connections	470.00	
Liquor Advertisements	24.75	
Collector's Costs and Fees	169.85	
Truck and Tractor Earnings	6,420.09	
Sale of Town Histories and Postage	83.56	
High School Athletic Fund	1,634.34	

Sale of Engine	10.00	
Damage to Town Highway Fence	10.65	
		29,812.49
Federal Withholding Tax	18,605.35	
Employees' Retirement Deductions	1,226.90	
Blue Cross—Blue Shield	1,261.85	
		21,094.10
Interest:		
Taxes, Real and Personal	604.30	
Taxes, Motor Vehicle and Trailer Excise	69.63	
Treasurer's Deposit	314.50	
		988.43
Anticipation of Revenue Loan		50,000.00
Helen E. James Remodeling Loan		20,000.00
Library Fines		18.86
Miscellaneous Receipts:		
Refunds		
Fire Department	1.50	
Teachers' Retirement	32.73	
Land Check—Clark	600.00	
Springfield Hospital	321.15	
Haydenville Kindergarten	7.04	
Accountant's Salary	250.00	
Dog Officer	6.50	
Water Department	105.00	
		1,323.92
Trust Funds:		
Income		
Collins School Fund	1,289.07	
Whiting Street Worthy Poor Fund	167.22	
Electa Waite Charity Fund	53.20	
Albert S. Hills Charity Fund	150.00	
Mary L. Main Worthy Poor Fund	75.00	
Byron Loomis School Fund	223.08	

Onslow G. Spelman School Fund	1,107.06	
Ethel Curry School Fund	27.50	
C. J. Hills Charity Fund	150.00	
Cemetery Fund	39.76	
Lyman D. Waite Charity Fund	21.00	
Albert D. Sanders School Fund	178.98	
Ellsworth H. Hyde School Fund	82.62	
		3,564.49
Total Receipts 1956		$479,315.29
Cash on Hand January 1, 1956		113,775.42
		$593,090.71

PAYMENTS

Moderator		$25.00
Selectmen's Salaries	$800.00	
Selectmen's Maintenance		
Association Meetings	3.50	
Travel	60.72	
Dues	31.00	
Stationery and Forms	77.50	
Appraisal	10.00	
Telephone	29.60	
Traffic Count	22.40	
	234.72	
Selectmen's Advertising	37.50	
		1,072.22
Accountant's Salary	1,000.00	
Accountant's Maintenance		
Clerk	35.00	
Stationery and Forms	34.16	
Telephone	15.00	
Adding Machine Rent	15.00	
		1,099.16

Treasurer's Salary	900.00	
Treasurer's Maintenance		
Clerk	25.00	
Telephone	48.15	
Carfare	18.90	
Stationery	113.06	
Certification of Note	2.00	
Safe Deposit Box Rent	10.00	
Bond	117.00	
Dues	2.00	
Miscellaneous	9.30	
Tax Title Expense	5.00	
		1,250.41
Tax Collector's Salary	600.00	
Tax Collector's Maintenance		
Dues	2.00	
Adding Machine Rent	20.00	
Stationery and Forms	245.80	
Bonds	211.25	
Water Lien Release	2.00	
Insurance	27.50	
Mileage	27.05	
Supplies	25.00	
Adding Machine	268.40	
		1,429.00
Assessors' Salaries	550.00	
Assessors' Maintenance		
Dues	9.00	
Records of Transfers	52.00	
Stationery and Forms	88.19	
Mileage	55.00	
		754.19
Town Counsel		507.04
Town Clerk's Salary	300.00	
Town Clerk's Maintenance		
Vital Statistics	112.00	

Bond	5.00	
Stationery and Forms	74.10	
Telephone	62.50	
Clerk	23.15	
Dues and Service	12.50	
Equipment	10.75	
	300.00	
		600.00
Elections and Registrations:		
Labor	32.25	
Forms	32.50	
Salaries	125.00	
Wardens and Clerks	488.00	
Booths	134.18	
		814.93
Elector, Oliver Smith Will		10.00
Finance Committee:		
Clerk	25.00	
Dues	15.00	
		40.00
Town Secretary's Salary		1,276.25
Town Hall:		
Telephone	210.56	
Electricity	28.54	
Repairs	74.95	
Janitor	35.33	
Insurance	56.50	
		405.88
Town Shed		
Fuel	80.25	
Repairs	69.60	
		149.85
Total General Government		$9,433.93

Police Department:		
Salaries	200.00	
Labor	774.00	
Mileage	334.90	
Court	196.85	
Legal	50.00	
Dog Tax Collection	27.45	
Special Police	106.10	
Equipment	132.65	
School Traffic Patrol	82.80	
Telephones	129.10	
	2,033.85	
School Traffic Patrol	769.35	
		2,803.20
Fire Department:		
Salaries	414.00	
Telephones	806.22	
Electricity	118.35	
Insurance	178.28	
Labor at Fires	1,214.50	
Training	114.00	
Fuel	548.33	
Equipment Maintenance	1,034.11	
New Equipment	775.20	
Building Maintenance	341.24	
Administration	75.56	
		5,619.79
Williamsburg Fire House Addition:		
Advertising	34.89	
Construction Contract	2,795.12	
Heating Equipment	234.03	
Colprovia Drive	80.00	
Supplies	6.82	
		3,150.86

Sealer of Weights and Measures:		
Salary		100.00
Tree Warden:		
Labor	471.00	
Truck and Tractor Hire	218.25	
Chain Saw	210.75	
		900.00
Gypsy Moth		9.00
Dutch Elm Control:		
Spraying	312.00	
Field Work	15.00	
		327.00
Civilian Defense:		
Electricity	25.07	
		25.07
Total Protection of Persons and Property		12,934.92

HEALTH AND SANITATION

Salary	100.00	
Administration		
Telephone	8.60	
Postage	6.50	
Mileage	37.60	
Miscellaneous	24.15	
Sanatorium	402.00	
Barn and Animal Inspection	60.00	
Slaughter Inspection	30.00	
Town Dump Rent	200.00	
Town Dump Caretaker	609.60	
Garbage Collection	1,800.00	
Rubbish Collection	556.00	
Town Dump Maintenance	326.00	
Well Child Clinic	300.00	
Visiting Nurse	1,000.00	
Total Health and Sanitation		5,460.45

Chapter 81:		
Labor	5,400.61	
Town Equipment	2,837.62	
Private Equipment	957.75	
Gravel	736.46	
Colprovia	250.83	
Patch	153.31	
Culverts	382.71	
Plowing, Private Equipment	301.50	
Crushed Stone	17.10	
Calcium Chloride	430.44	
Mowing	168.75	
Salt	784.00	
Oil	1,356.07	
Barrels	13.50	
Grits	912.57	
		14,703.22
Winter and General Highways:		
Labor	5,118.78	
Town Equipment	3,091.50	
Sand	143.01	
Salt	560.38	
Sanding, Private Equipment	4,502.40	
Pipe	2.02	
Culvert	265.41	
Freight	11.46	
Patch	95.70	
Equipment	170.50	
Plowing, Private Equipment	1,624.00	
Repairs	23.32	
Fuel	5.75	
Cement	6.50	
		15,620.73
Chapter 90 Construction:		
Labor	3,498.40	

Town Equipment	814.00	
Private Equipment	7,691.25	
Cement	28.00	
Material	134.68	
Gravel	1,353.15	
Blasting	9.00	
Culvert	279.30	
Grass Seed	11.74	
Oil	955.58	
Calcium Chloride	114.00	
		14,889.10
Chapter 90 Maintenance:		
Labor	539.05	
Town Equipment	163.75	
Grits	149.53	
Oil	678.03	
Private Equipment	42.00	
Patch	42.90	
Culverts	902.30	
		2,517.56
Bridges and Railings:		
Labor	668.46	
Town Equipment	101.63	
Repairs	27.00	
Cement	71.75	
Cutting and Sawing Lumber	601.17	
Chain Saw	14.00	
Culvert	347.59	
Material	168.40	
		2,000.00
Sidewalks:		
Labor	149.80	
Patch	20.30	
Town Equipment	20.25	
Miscellaneous	9.63	
		199.98

Old Goshen Road Repair:		
Culvert	100.66	
Labor	8.00	
Chain Saw	6.80	
		115.46
Tool Account		173.20
Street Lights		3,158.14
Street Markers		41.77
New Truck Purchase:		
Truck	3,568.00	
Insurance	50.87	
Body Construction	200.45	
		3,819.32
Truck and Tractor Maintenance:		
Repairs	2,987.79	
Gas and Oil	1,683.84	
Insurance	530.28	
Blades	185.27	
Miscellaneous	64.03	
Tires	127.95	
Grader Hire	1,400.00	
Registrations	18.00	
		6,997.16
Total of Highways and Bridges		$64,235.64

CHARITIES AND SOLDIERS' BENEFITS

General Relief:		
Board and Room	826.89	
Doctors	11.00	
Hospital	235.16	
		1,073.05
Welfare Agent's Administration		
Town	1,000.00	
Disability Assistance Federal Administration	69.49	

Aid to Dependent Children Administration	784.33	
Old Age Assistance Administration	67.13	
		1,920.95
Welfare Agent's Administration		200.00
Disability Assistance—Town:		
Assistance	3,703.80	
Medicine	245.41	
Hospital	1,970.23	
Doctors	80.56	
	6,000.00	
Disability Assistance—Federal:		
Assistance	2,532.70	
Medicine	279.39	
Hospital	963.53	
Doctors	83.44	
Ambulance	15.00	
Miscellaneous	15.00	
	3,889.06	
		9,889.06
Aid to Dependent Children—Town:		
Aid	6,329.31	
Doctors	92.00	
Medicine	129.03	
Hospital	438.00	
Dentist	53.00	
Funeral	150.00	
Ambulance	20.00	
Nursing Home	167.18	
		7,378.52
Old Age Assistance—Federal:		
Aid	7,917.76	
Doctors	227.15	

Hospital	124.59	
Nursing Homes	1,135.56	
Medicine	245.71	
Glasses	45.00	
Cities and Towns	172.23	
	9,868.00	
Old Age Assistance—Town:		
Aid	16,313.63	
Doctors	414.50	
Hospital	861.62	
Nursing Homes	1,850.84	
Medicine	472.41	
Glasses	33.00	
Ambulance	54.00	
	20,000.00	
		29,868.00
Veterans' Benefits:		
Benefits	2,196.50	
Fuel	316.00	
Medicine	121.86	
Hospital	761.77	
Doctors	51.00	
		3,447.13
Veterans' Agent's Salary		300.00
Veterans' Agent's Maintenance		135.58
Total Charities and Veterans' Benefits		54,212.29

SCHOOLS AND LIBRARIES

Schools:	
Teachers' Salaries	95,249.29
Special Class Law 514	2,866.88
Janitors' Salaries	9,569.52
Janitors' Supplies	972.07
Drawing Supervisor	854.06

Superintendent's Salary	3,771.83	
Secretaries' Salaries	2,899.92	
Union Expense	371.25	
Nurse and Travel Expense	621.00	
Physicians' Salaries	500.00	
Transportation	7,430.06	
Fuel	5,287.11	
Repairs	1,119.92	
Sundries	1,143.30	
Telephones	506.84	
Books	2,676.68	
Classroom Supplies	2,074.56	
Office Supplies	267.07	
Athletics and Transportation	1,645.10	
Smith's School Tuition	4,311.68	
Smith's School Transportation	483.75	
New Equipment	1,462.61	
Insurance	1,147.53	
Committee's Salaries	275.00	
Lights	2,373.18	
Driver Education	282.99	
Music Supervisor	1,878.56	
Penmanship	288.00	
Visual Education	66.66	
Physical Education	141.00	
		152,537.42
New Elementary School Construction:		
Labor	115.80	
Equipment	993.84	
Fence	1,830.00	
Construction	581.00	
Miscellaneous	457.42	
		3,978.06
Helen E. James School Remodeling::		
Certification of Notes	20.00	
Notes	37.00	
Supplies	53.90	

Plumbing and Heating	10,277.82	
Painting	1,387.00	
Roof	675.00	
Construction	5,574.10	
Electrical	1,594.30	
Architect	1,150.00	
		20,769.12
Byron Loomis Fund:		
Equipment	64.80	
Encyclopedia	116.32	
		181.12
Collins Fund:		
Interest,New Elementary School		2,000.00
Spelman Fund:		
Interest, New Elementary School		1,080.00
High School Athletic Fund:		
Uniforms and Apparel		511.13
Cafeteria:		
Wages	6,424.98	
Food	8,815.84	
Express	49.20	
Travel	258.00	
Linen	183.97	
Soap	76.70	
Equipment	808.60	
Miscellaneous	166.57	
		16,783.86
Library—Haydenville:		
Librarian	84.00	
Janitor	19.50	
Labor	79.50	
New Equipment	20.35	
Insurance	14.70	
Repairs	278.04	
Magazines	5.00	

Electricity	14.81	
Fuel	15.40	
Miscellaneous	2.80	
		534.10
Total for Schools and Libraries		198,374.81

RECREATION AND UNCLASSIFIED

Recreation:		
Band	40.00	
Hallowe'en Party	45.00	
Janitor	50.00	
Equipment	55.35	
		190.35
Athletic Field:		
Mowing	58.00	
Repairs	168.25	
Gas	5.68	
Labor	76.80	
		308.73
Town Clocks:		
Insurance	19.50	
Repairs	125.00	
Caretakers	80.00	
Electricity	29.97	
		254.47
Memorial Day:		
Speaker	10.00	
Drum Corps	80.00	
Flowers	19.55	
Flags	24.20	
Loudspeaker	10.00	
Baskets	8.50	
		152.25

Printing Town Reports 1955		396.00
Workmen's Compensation		1,339.17
Wood Lot		9.75
Reappraisal, Article 22		1,500.00
Dog Officer		6.50
Haydenville Kindergarten		7.04
Land Damage		515.00
Total of Recreation and Unclassified		4,679.26

CEMETERIES AND ENTERPRISES

Old Village Hill Cemetery:		
Equipment	150.00	
Repairs	7.15	
Weedkiller	7.00	
Labor	115.00	
		279.15
Mountain Street Cemetery:		
Labor		75.00
Water Department:		
Additional Water Supply		
Supplies	11.45	
Repairs	1.17	
Labor	152.79	
Fuel	3.35	
Electricity	2,368.15	
Chlorinator Maintenance		
Chemicals	59.35	
Equipment	5.40	
Labor	92.25	
Electricity	259.56	
		2,953.47
Pipe Line Maintenance		
Rent	1.00	
Supplies	15.83	
Labor	854.41	

Equipment	3,600.44	
Equipment Hire	652.50	
Fuel	2.60	
Petticoat Hill Extension		
Labor	428.38	
Material	13.64	
Equipment Hire	354.00	
		5,922.80
Water Connections		46.92
Watershed		
Equipment Hire	270.77	
Labor	70.75	
Supplies	2.70	
		344.22
Insurance		7.50
Water Liens		4.50
Administration		156.83
Total for Water Department		9,436.24
Total Enterprises and Cemeteries		9,790.39

AGENCY, TRUST AND INVESTMENT

Taxes:		
State Parks and Reservations	445.18	
State Audit	65.17	
County Tax	10,440.91	
Dog Tax	719.40	
		11,670.66
Cemetery Perpetual Care Fund		
Income	39.76	
Withholding Tax	18,275.78	
Employees' Retirement Deductions	1,192.61	
Town's Share Retirement Fund	1,233.94	
Blue Cross-Blue Shield	1,261.85	
Collector's Costs and Fees	147.90	
		22,151.94

Trust Funds:		
C. J. Hills Charity Fund	44.18	
Henry M. Hills Hospital Bed Fund	415.00	
Collins School Fund	47.19	
A. S. Hills Charity Fund	600.00	
Mary L. Main Charity	200.00	
		1,306.37
Total of Agency, Trust and Investment		35,128.87
Refunds:		
Water Department	219.90	
School Teachers' Retirement	32.73	
Motor Vehicle Excise	682.36	
Personal Property Taxes	4.32	
Real Estate Taxes	1,404.90	
Poll Taxes	6.00	
Flood Relief Overpayment	1,355.30	
Total Refunds		3,705.51

INTEREST AND MATURING DEBT

Interest:		
South Street Extension	103.13	
Additional Water Supply	405.00	
Sanatorium Extension	82.50	
Anticipation of Revenue	278.06	
		868.69
Loans:		
South Street Extension	500.00	
Additional Water Supply	2,000.00	
Hampshire County Extension	2,000.00	
Anne T. Dunphy Elementary School	25,000.00	
		29,500.00
Total Interest and Maturing Debt		30,368.69

Total Payments	$428,324.76
Cash on Hand December 31, 1956	164,765.95
	$593,090.71

RESERVE FUND TRANSFERS

Memorial Day	2.25	
Town Reports 1955	46.00	
Elections and Registrations	14.93	
Town Hall	125.00	
Dutch Elm	5.80	
Highways, Chapter 81	3.22	
Highways, Chapter 90 Construction 1955	.06	
Highways, Chapter 90 Construction 1956	.04	
Old Goshen Road Repair	.30	
Veterans' Benefits	962.13	
Haydenville Library	35.10	
Town Clocks	81.00	
Interest	181.19	
Town Counsel	257.04	
Winter Highways	1,500.00	
Police Maintenance	108.85	
		$3,322.91

TRUST FUND INCOME ACCOUNT

	Balance	Income	Expended	Balance
Henry M. Hills Hospital Bed	$1,000.42		$415.00	$585.42
Whiting Street Worthy Poor	681.97	$167.22		849.19
Mary L. Main Worthy Poor	388.50	75.00	200.00	263.50
Electa Waite Worthy Poor	263.52	53.20		316.72
Lyman D. Waite Worthy Poor	185.20	21.00		206.20
Albert S. Hills Charity	612.06	150.00	600.00	162.06
C. J. Hills Charity	506.49	150.00	44.18	612.31
Ethel Curry School	88.75	27.50		116.25
Collins School	953.65	1,289.07	2,047.19	195.53
Byron Loomis School	436.16	223.08	181.12	478.12
Onslow G. Spelman School	264.62	1,107.06	1,080.00	291.68
Albert D. Sanders School	336.95	178.98		515.93
Ellsworth H. Hyde School	212.21	82.62		294.83
Cemetery Perpetual Care Fund		39.76	39.76	
	$5,930.50	$3,564.49	$4,607.25	$4,887.74

TOWN OF WILLIAMSBURG

Balance Sheet — December 31, 1956

GENERAL ACCOUNTS

ASSETS

Cash		$164,765.95
Accounts Receivable:		
Taxes:		
Levy of 1954	$307.05	
Personal Property		
Real Estate	1,297.89	1,604.94
Levy of 1955		
Poll	4.00	
Personal Property	1,132.66	
Real Estate	4,110.20	5,246.86
Levy of 1956		
Poll	20.00	
Personal Property	3,882.96	
Real Estate	27,387.84	31,290.80
Tax Titles	398.87	
Tax Possessions	192.43	591.30
Departmental:		
Aid to Dependent Children	692.99	
Old Age Assistance	573.42	1,266.41
Water Department:		
Rates	1,960.82	
Miscellaneous	1,013.55	
Petticoat Hill Extension	55.00	3,029.37
Motor Vehicle and Trailer Excise:		
Taxes:		
Levy of 1954	188.88	
Levy of 1955	337.75	
Levy of 1956	4,613.77	5,140.40
State Aid to Highways		8,400.75

County Aid to Highways	997.00
Due from Post War Rehabilitation Fund	5,300.00
County Tax	90.03
State Park Tax 1956	184.83
	$227,908.64

LIABILITIES

Employees' Payroll Deductions:		
Federal Taxes	$1,805.22	
County Retirement System	165.76	$1,970.98
Collector's Costs and Fees		21.95
Water Entrances and Connections		87.00
Sale, Land of Low Value, Excess		226.49
Land Purchase, Anne T. Dunphy School		600.00
Trust Fund Income:		
Henry M. Hills Bed Fund	585.42	
Whiting Street Worthy Poor Fund	849.19	
Mary L. Main Worthy Poor Fund	263.50	
Electa Waite Charity Fund	316.72	
Lyman D. Waite Charity Fund	206.20	
Albert S. Hills Charity Fund	162.06	
C. J. Hills Charity Fund	612.31	
Collins School Fund	195.53	
Onslow G. Spelman Fund	291.68	
Byron Loomis School Fund	478.12	
Ethel Curry School Fund	116.25	
Albert D. Sanders School Fund	515.93	
Ellsworth H. Hyde School Fund	294.83	
		4,887.74
Federal Grants:		
Disability Assistance:		
Assistance	745.89	
Aid to Dependent Children:		
Assistance	6,482.94	

Old Age Assistance:		
Assistance	11,381.99	
Administration	2,073.90	
		20,684.72
Federal Works Agency, Water Plans and Engineering		12.00
School Athletic Fund		1,713.06
School Cafeteria		2,052.78
Appropriation Balances:		
Revenue, General	3,708.51	
Non-Revenue, New Elem. School	4,118.82	
H. E. James School Remodeling	1,230.88	
		9,058.21
Road Machinery Fund		6,991.74
State and County Aid to Highways		9,397.75
Reserve Fund—Overlay Surplus		5,075.26
Overlays Reserved for Abatements:		
Levy of 1954	1,254.88	
Levy of 1955	4,875.10	
Levy of 1956	5,164.64	
		11,294.62
Revenue Reserved Until Collected:		
Motor Vehicle and Trailer Excise	5,140.40	
Tax titles and Possessions	591.30	
Departmental	1,266.41	
Water	3,029.37	
		10,027.48
Note, Anticipation of Revenue		50,000.00
Water Available Surplus		10,622.53
Surplus Revenue		83,184.33
		$227,908.64

TRUST FUNDS

Trust Funds, Cash and Securities in Custody of Town Treasurer	$119,452.12
Trust Funds, Cash and Securities in Custody of Trustee	3,876.74
	$123,328.86

Henry M. Hills Hospital Bed Fund	$17,649.07
Whiting Street Worthy Poor Fund	5,574.25
Mary L. Main Worthy Poor Fund	3,000.00
Electa Waite Charity Fund	1,773.51
Lyman D. Waite Charity Fund	700.00
Albert S. Hills Charity Fund	5,000.00
C. J. Hills Charity Fund	5,000.00
Collins School Fund	12,470.64
Onslow G. Spelman School Fund	36,947.77
Byron L. Loomis School Fund	7,436.51
Ethel Curry School Fund	1,000.00
Albert D. Sanders School Fund	6,508.30
Ellsworth H. Hyde School Fund	3,004.77
Cemetery Perpetual Care Fund	1,325.00
Post War Rehabilitation Fund	6,423.48
Henry W. Warner Fund	5,638.82
Helen E. James School Fund	3,876.74
	$123,328.86

NET FUNDED OR FIXED DEBT

Net Funded or Fixed Debt	$237,500.00
	$237,500.00

Water Main, South Street Water Extension Loan	$3,500.00
Water Main, Sanatorium Extension Loan	2,000.00

Underground Water Supply Loan	17,000.00
Anne T. Dunphy Elementary School Loan	195,000.00
Helen E. James Remodeling Loan	20,000.00
	$237,500.00

Assessors' Report

The method for computing the tax rate for the year 1956 is as follows:

Appropriations to be raised	$268,747.79	
Taken from available funds in 1956	50,837.63	
Winter Roads Overdraft	3,409.47	
Emergency Flood Overdraft	5,267.35	
State Parks and Reservations	260.35	
State Audit	65.17	
County Tax	10,977.32	
Overlay of current year	12,459.26	
Gross Amount to be raised		$352,024.34
Estimated Receipts and Available Funds:		
Income Tax	$26,703.19	
Corporation Taxes	6,245.47	
Reimbursement of Publicly Owned Land	112.08	
Old Age Tax	682.43	
Motor Vehicle and Trailer Excise Tax	14,225.00	
Licenses	4,000.00	
Fines	50.00	
Protection of Persons and Property	25.00	
Health and Sanitation	100.00	
Charities	4,000.00	
Old Age Assistance	12,000.00	
Veterans' Services	300.00	
Schools	16,000.00	
Public Service Enterprises	11,650.00	
Interest: on Taxes and Assessments	400.00	

State Assistance for School Construction	8,900.00	
Flood Reimbursements—90%	4,740.61	
Total Estimated Receipts	$110,133.78	
Overestimates of Previous year to be used as Available Funds:		
State Parks and Reservations	$39.24	
Amounts voted to be taken from available funds	60,837.63	
Total Estimated Receipts and Available Funds		$171,010.65
Net Amount to be Raised by Taxation on Polls and Property:		
Polls, 523 @ $2.00	$1,046.00	
Total Value Personal Property $207,973.00 @ $90.00	18,717.57	
Total Value Real Estate $1,791,668.00 @ $90.00	161,250.12	
Total Taxes levied on Polls and Property		$181,013.69
Total Amount of 1956 Taxes on Polls and Property and of Assessments added to taxes as committed to Collector		$181,013.69

Assessors' Report

The preceding computation is the method prescribed by law to compute the rate per thousand of assessed valuations as determinded by the assessors.

All appropriations made at town meetings during the year, plus the assessments imposed on the town by the state department through the "Cherry Sheet" are first totalled. From this, the total anticipated receipts, credits from the "Cherry Sheet" and amounts taken from available funds, are deducted. The net amount to be raised by local taxation is applied to the assessed values to prorate the expenses of the town to each citizen in accordance with the value of taxable property in his or her possession on January 1 of the year of assessment.

We, as assessors, have this year seen the start of a long range program to apportion the expenses of the town to the assessed value of property on a scientific basis. The following months will see the completion of the tax maps, (forming the basis of the amount of land owned by the taxpayers), and the completion of the appraisal of land and buildings with estimated value of each parcel.

During the coming months, each taxpayer in the Town of Williamsburg will be notified as to the new assessed value being placed upon each parcel of property. These revised values are expected to be used as of January 1, 1958.

We wish to thank the townspeople for their cooperation with the J. M. Cleminshaw Company representative when he called at their home.

Respectfully submitted,

EDWIN C. BRECKENRIDGE, Chairman
JOSEPH M. DYMERSKI
RUTH T. MONGEAU

Board of Assessors

Report of Water Commissioners

Early this year, the cleaning of the Unquemonk reservoir, repairs to the access road and enlargement of the spillway were completed. In early February we were able to shut down the pump and use reservoir water again.

As the Department had received a petition to extend the Goshen Road main an additional 2,600 feet, a survey was made by Tighe and Bond on January 20th. Due to low pressure and elevation this proposed extension was disapproved by Tighe and Bond as unfeasible at this time. The problem of supplying this area is the old familiar problem that has blocked the further extension of mains to the Village Hill area, elevations greater than that of the distribution reservoir.

An extension of the Petticoat Hill main for a distance of 370 feet was completed in August. This extension was laid under the authority of Article 38, as voted by the Town at the last annual Town Meeting. This extension is supported by a legal contract with water users in this extension, allowing and guaranteeing a special assessment for this service until their proportionate share has been paid.

Two Holyoke hydrants were replaced this year. The hydrant on East Main Street which has given the Department trouble for several years due to a badly worn valve, was discontinued. An additional reason for discontinuing this hydrant was its poor location. With the full approval of the Fire Department, a new Chapman steamer hydrant was installed at the junction of North and West Main Streets. The Board has been aware of comment regarding this leaking hydrant and would like to explain their position in this report.

First, at no time while this hydrant was leaking, was it necessary to operate the pump to maintain pressure or supply. Second, the Board felt it to be wiser to leave this hydrant, though leaking, available for fire fighting, if needed, until the new hydrant had been installed.

The Holyoke hydrant at the end of the Nash Hill Road main was also removed for similar reasons. A new Chapman hydrant was installed at this point and slightly relocated to a better position, with regard to the road and traffic.

The third Holyoke hydrant removed, and in this case discontinued, was on North Street. This hydrant, half on the sidewalk and half on the road, was a hazard to traffic and had been damaged several times. With the new Chapman hydrant installed a few yards away and with full approval of the Fire Department, this hydrant was removed and discontinued.

As mentioned in our last report, the Holyoke hydrants on our system have all reached the retirement age. Each year new difficulties are encountered in stuck or leaking vales which cannot be repaired. It is of primary importance that each year these old hydrants be replaced as funds will allow.

As you have no doubt noticed, the current water bills have been revised both in form and information. One revision enables the Town Secretary to type the bills faster and the other gives you the current rates and some of the basic regulations.

In addition to the routine work of the department, 10 new entrances were installed and 4 old entrances renewed.

The request for meters continued this year as last and 27 new meters were installed. We believe this is one of the most important phases of the department's work and will eventually, as in every town or city that has metered

all water, bring about a considerable reduction in the senseless waste of water, especially during the dry summer months. This in turn will reduce the cost of pumping, which due to demand, is increasing each year.

The storage facilities and the watershed run-off are not limitless. Although the storage reservoir was filled to capacity in February and maintained that level until late June, as early as May 29th, it was necessary to put the electric pump in operation for about 12 hours a day to maintain pressure at all points in the system due to the storage and heavy demand. As early as June 30th the feeder brooks to the storage reservoir were reduced to a mere trickle due to lack of rain. By August 30th, due to the high demand and lack of rain, it was necessary to put the pump in operation on a 24 hour basis, as the storage reservoir had reached a level beyond which, as a reserve factor, it would be unwise to go.

The lack of rain in this area is quite well pointed up if we compare the actual as against the normal for the months of May, June, July and August, University of Massachusetts official records.

	Normal	Actual		Normal	Actual
May	3.60	2.02	June	2.75	2.86
July	4.10	2.90	August	4.08	2.71

A total of 36,231,800 gallons were pumped during the year.

We believe it imperative that the water surplus account be increased and maintained at a high level in anticipation of future expenditures, certain to be necessary in a water system as old as ours. It is with this in mind that measures have been taken to effect the payment of deliquent accounts during the past year. These measures will be continued in the coming year. As your elected Commissioners we assue you that the prompt payment of your water rents will be greatly appreciated by us.

In closing this report, we especially call to your attention a regulation of this department which reads:

"The Board of Water Commissioners reserves the right at all times to shut off water temporarily without notice for repairs, extensions, or other necessary work connected with the system. All persons having boilers on their premises not fitted with check valves or other safety devices, or not supplied through tanks, are notified that neither the Town nor the Water Commissioners, nor their agents or servants, will be responsible for damage resulting from the shutting off of water."

The collection of water rents and the secretarial work of the department have been very capably handled by our Town Secretary. We sincerely thank her for her cooperation and efficiency.

Respectfully submitted,

CHARLES M. DAMON, JR.,
Chairman

BERTRAM W. CLARKE

GEORGE M. CHILDS

Report of Tree Warden and Moth Superintendent

Labor, chainsaw and truck cutting and disposal of trees, etc,	$429.00
Herbert Kellogg	162.00
Paul Waite	86.00
Robert Loomis	80.25
Wilbur Loomis	47.50
Harry Warner, Jr.	42.75
Fred Dewey	20.00
Henry Warner	15.00
Allen Sylvester	10.00
Cecil Loomis, Jr.	7.50
	$900.00

Number of trees cut	16

Storm damaged limbs removed.

Seven trees were topped by utility companies at no expense to the town.

MOTH SUPERINTENDENT REPORT

Labor	$9.00

DUTCH ELM DISEASE

Uhlig Tree Service	$312.00
Labor	15.00
	$327.00

Samples were obtained from 5 elm trees and four of these were found to be diseased. At the present time, two have been removed. The town has been found to be heavily infested with Dutch Elm Disease. The cooperation of the townspeople is asked in removing any dead elms on their property to prevent the spread of this disease.

Respectfully submitted,

DAVID L. DEWEY

Tree Warden

Library Report

Mrs. Albert Mosher, Jr., assumed the duties of librarian at the beginning of the year at which time Mrs. Sanderson helped in going over the books and discarding many unused and worn out ones.

This fall, an oil burner was installed in the furnace. This has been appreciated not only on Friday nights but also on election days. It has meant, too, that we could dispense with the services of the janitor, such services as necessary being assumed by the librarian.

Books added in 1956	34
Books discarded	86
Books on hand	3,113
Circulation	3,309
Fines	$12.13

Respectfully submitted,

VIOLA FRASER

MAUDE SANDERSON

LULA SMITH

Report of Board of Health

The Board of Health Submits the Following Report for the Year January 1, 1956 - December 31, 1956:

The Garbage Collection was handled by Fred Dewey who has maintained a very excellent record of collecting.

The Rubbish Collection was handled by Edward Crotty who has done an excellent job in both villages.

All places of business serving food, liquors, ice cream and soft drinks to the public were inspected and found to be in very clean and sanitary condition.

Our Barn Animal and Slaughter Inspector has maintained his excellent record .

The Town Dump has been well kept and we are pleased to report that we have had no complaints and only one fire call this past year.

We eliminated the Well-Child Clinic this past year because of the vaccine program which was held in three clinics. The first clinic was held in May and included children from six months up to the sixth grade and pregnant mothers. The second clinic (a second injection) was given just before the schools opened. The third, which then included children to the high school group, was given in November. A total of over 850 vaccine shots has been given by the Doctors at these clinics.

BERNARD A. REARDON

DR. JOSEPH R. HOBBS

MRS. MARGARET MADISON

Board of Health

Report of the Police Department

Streets patrolled week-ends and holidays.

Twenty-two accidents were reported and inspected by Police.

Twelve persons received injuries (two fatal).

Several cars stopped and drivers warned.

Three licenses suspended by the Registrar on request of Chief.

One patient taken to the Cooley Dickinson Hospital by Police.

Three patients taken to the State Hospital by Police.

Sixty-eight various complaints received by the Police.

Four stray dogs hit by cars (one was killed), (three destroyed).

Seven dogs having owners, reported hit by cars (two were killed), (two not found), (two found all right), (one taken to veterinary, later destroyed).

Thirty-one summons served for outside departments.

Twenty-four complaints taken before District Court.

Drunkenness	7
Operating under influence	1
Leaving scene after property damage	2
Driving after suspension	2
Speeding	2

No sticker	1
No license	1
Allowing improper person	1
Driving left of center line	1
Failure to support	2
Delinquents	4
	24

Twenty-two persons pleaded or were found guilty.

Two dismissed, requested by the Commonwealth (all males).

Respectfully submitted,

CHARLES H. CROSS

Chief of Police

Report of Fire Department

During the year of 1956, this department has operated with two companies. No. 1 in Williamsburg and No. 2 in Haydenville.

Patrick Larkin of Haydenville was appointed Assistant Chief and Lester Wells of Williamsburg as Captain.

There were 40 calls answered as follows:

7	House Fires
3	Chimney Fires
3	Vehicle Fires
10	Grass and Forest Fires
6	Haydenville Dump Fires
8	Miscellaneous calls, accidents, etc.
3	False Alarms

Fire training drills were held in Williamsburg weekly weather permitting.

Four new mud and snow tires were purchased for the Haydenville Truck. 300 feet of fire hose and 150 feet of booster hose has been purchased to replace that which becomes unserviceable.

The addition to the Williamsburg Fire Station was completed with the inside work being done entirely by the Williamsburg Fire Fighters. This station now houses Engine 1 and the tanker.

Our present fire truck was made up by The Sanford Motor Truck Company using a Reo chassis. The San-

ford Company no longer manufactures fire apparatus making replacement parts impossible to obtain. While Reo trucks are still available it is doubtful that repair parts for a 1937 chassis would be obtainable or readily available. This engine could therefore be out of service for an underterminable amount of time leaving the village without sufficient fire protection.

The New England Fire Insurance Rating Association, in a letter dated December 27, 1956 to this department, has recommended we replace Engine 1 with a new pumping engine, to replace the one purchased in November of 1937. From tests conducted on this engine in April, 1955, it was found that the unit barely met the rated requirements for fire apparatus. The Rating Association also states that once a piece of equipment has reached the age of 20 years and cannot meet rated rquirements, they are warranted in removing credit for said truck. This means increased fire insurance rates to the town.

Modern pumpers with higher pressures, more horse power, larger water tanks, etc. could give the town much better and needed fire protection.

May I take this opportunity to thank all the men in this department for their excellent cooperation and willingness during this past year.

Respectfully submitted,

HOWARD SANDERSON
Fire Chief

Visiting Nurse

To the Selectmen

Town of Williamsburg

Following is the financial statement for the year 1956:

Recipts			
Nurse's collections			$495.50
Expenditures			
Gas for nurse's car		$289.04	
Old Age Tax paid for nurse		26.50	
Supplies for nurse's use		2.08	
Pair of full length bed sides for hospital bed		26.46	
Nurse's salary	$1,325.00		
Less Old Age Tax withheld	150.70		
	$1,174.30		
Taxes forwarded to Gov't	150.70		
	$1,325.00		
Less Town Appropriation	1,000.00		
		$325.00	

Total Expenditures	$669.08
Excess of expenditures over receipts	$173.58

Respectfully submitted,

ALTHEA H. MARKS

Treasurer

Report of Sealer of Weights and Measures

Board of Selectmen

Town of Williamsburg

Dear Sirs:

During 1956, this department adjusted and inspected 120 weights and measures.

Paid Town Treasurer in Fees	$54.85
Equipment (Hobbs & Warren, Iinc.)	3.86
Labor and Transportation	100.00

Respectfully submitted,

FRANK TAYLOR

Sealer of Weights and Measures

Report of Special Committee on Milton Rice Property Damage Claim

Board of Selectmen

Williamsburg, Mass.

Gentlemen:

In accordance with a vote taken at the Annual Town Meeting of February, 1955, at which the Moderator was authorized to appoint this Committee, we make the following report:

Your Committee met one evening during the summer of 1956 at the place where the damage was claimed to be,, which was across the brook from the Ashfield Road (so-called) just outside of the Village of Williamsburg.

It was determined that the damage was slight, due to the fact that in the process of widening the highway, the brook which runs between the Milton Rice property and the Highway had to be partially relocated which necessitated the taking of a small amount of land due to changing of the border line of the brook on the Milton Rice side of the brook.

However, due to the fact that when the Town or anyone else takes something of value away from anyone, that party is entitled to remuneration for the same; and the

majority of this Committee feels that due to the location of the land taken, the value or damage does not exceed two hundred dollars ($200.00). We therefore recommend this amount be paid to Mr. Milton Rice.

Respectfully submitted,

LEON B. SANDERSON

Appraiser for the Town of Williamsburg

JEAN E. HEMENWAY

Appraiser for Milton Rice

MAJ.-GEN. LUNSFORD E. OLIVER

Appraiser selected by the other two appraisers

ANNUAL REPORT

of the

SCHOOL DEPARTMENT

of the

Town of Williamsburg

For The

YEAR ENDING DECEMBER 31, 1956

School Organization

SCHOOL COMMITTEE

Kenneth Sherk, Chairman	1959
Miss Eleanor Mansfield, Secretary	1957
Mrs. Eleanor Ballway	1959
Mr. Erol Bowie	1958
Mr. Norman Graves	1958

ACTING SUPERINTENDENT OF SCHOOLS

J. Walter Richard

Office, Anne T. Dunphy School

SUPERVISOR OF ART

Mrs. Elizabeth B. Ferrante, 48 Meadow St., Florence

SUPERVISOR OF MUSIC

Miss Olive Healy, West Chesterfield

SPECIAL READING TEACHER

Mrs. Jean Snow, Williamsburg

SCHOOL PHYSICIANS

Dr. Joseph Hobbs, Williamsburg

Dr. Ruth Hemenway, Williamsburg

SCHOOL NURSE

Mrs. Ruth McAvoy, Williamsburg

SUPERVISORS OF ATTENDANCE

H. Merrill Bisbee, Williamsburg

Charles Sabo, Williamsburg

MEETING OF SCHOOL COMMITTEE

Last Wednesday of each month

TEACHERS' MEETING

At call of Superintendent

PHYSICAL EDUCATION SUPERVISOR

Mrs. Evelyn Kmit, Williamsburg

HELEN E. JAMES SCHOOL

Tel. COlony 8-4421

Principal, Edmond J. Houle: Social Studies, General Math.
Williams burg

Mrs. Anne Belck: Science
Goshen

Robert Branch: U. S. History, Math.
61 Meadow St., Florence

Mrs. Anna B. Curtis: Arithmetic, English, Reading grades 7 & 8
Chesterfield

Miss Martha Dickerman: Arithmetic, Social Studies, Health 7 & 8
Williamsburg

Jame Fleming: Latin, Ancient History
110 Little St., Springfield

Henry Hmieleski: Science, Health, grades 7 & 8
Williamsburg

Miss Maria Lovechio: English, Speech
81 Edgeland St., Springfield

Mrs. Marie Thomas: English, Speech, Civics
Haydenville

Earl F. Tonet: French, Social Studies, Driver Education, Physical Education, Coach
387 Florence Rd., Northampton.

Mrs. Joanne Wolff: Social Studies, English, Reading, grades 7 & 8
Amherst Rd., Sunderland

Miss Mary Anton: Special Class
15 Cherry St., Easthampton

N. Deming Hoyt: Adjustment Counselor
213 Crescent St., Northampton

ANNE T. DUNPHY SCHOOL

Tel. COlony 8-7770

Principal, Edith D. Foster, Williamsburg, Grade 6

Mrs. Margaret Breckenridge, Williamsburg, Grade 5

Mrs. Eleanor Soden, 16 Massasoit St., Northampton, Grade 4

Mrs. Dorothy R. Colburn, Willamsburg, Grade 3

Mrs. Gertrude Ramstrom, Haydenville, Grade 2

Mrs. Sophia D. Eaton, Williamsburg, Grade 1

HAYDENVILLE SCHOOL

Tel. COlony 8-4912

Principal, Margaret Trainor, Haydenville, Grade 6

Mrs. Marion Hickey, Haydenville, Grade 5

Mrs. Priscilla Kostek, Haydenville, Grade 4

Mrs. Ruth Nash, Williamsburg, Grade 3

Mrs. Doris Tilley, Williamsburg, Grade 2

Miss Mary Crampton, Haydenville, Grade 1

SCHOOL CENSUS — OCTOBER 1, 1956

	5-7	7-16	16 Yrs. or over	
Haydenville				
Boys	25	91	8	
Girls	20	86	5	
Total	45	177	13	235
Williamsburg				
Boys	31	118	11	
Girls	20	97	14	
Total	51	215	25	291
Combined Total	96	392	38	526

SCHOOL CALENDAR

1957-1958

Tuesday, September 3, 1957	Staff Meeting
Wednesday, September 4, 1957	Schools Open
Friday, October 4, 1957	School Closed—Franklin County Teachers' Convention
Monday, November 11, 1957	Schools Closed — Veterans Day
Wednesday, November 27, 1957	Schools close at noon for Thanksgiving Holiday
Monday, December 2, 1957	Schools open
Friday, December 20, 1957	Schools close at regular time for Christmas Holiday

1958

Thursday, January 2, 1958	Schools open
Friday, February 21, 1958	Schools close at regular time for Winter Vacation
Monday, March 3, 1958	Schools open
Friday, April 4, 1958	Schools Closed — Good Friday
Friday, April 18, 1959	School close at regular time for Spring Vacation
Monday, April 28, 1958	Schools open
Friday, May 30, 1958	Schools closed — Memorial Day
Friday, June 13, 1958	Elementary Schools Close for Summer Vacation
Thursday, June 19, 1958	High School Graduation
Friday, June 20, 1958	High School Closes
Elementary School	179 days
High School	184 days

NET EXPENDITURES FOR SUPPORT OF SCHOOLS

1956

Total Expenditures for Support from All Sources		$152,537.42
Income on Account of Schools		
1. General School Fund	$31,946.09	
2. Transportation Reimbursement Chapter 679	5,460.50	
3. Smith's School Reimbursement	3,931.61	
4. High School Tuition, Chesterfield, Goshen, Westhampton, Plainfield	9,110.95	

5.	Supt. Reimbursement	1,400.00	
6.	State Wards' Tuition and Transportation	1,211.73	
7.	Special Class Reimbursement	1,411.76	
8.	Cash Sent to Treasurer	98.49	
	Total Income		54,571.13
	Net Expenditures from Local Taxation		$97.966.29

Report of School Committee

To the Townspeople of Williamsburg

Greetings:

The School system and the town received two grievous blows during the year. The first was the loss of Anne T. Dunphy who had served long years as Principal of our high school. Throughout the years of teaching, she put her high ideals into practice. She was the rock upon which our high school was built. The second was the loss of Lucius A. Merritt, our esteemed Superintendent. For years, he had led our system toward better educational service and higher goals. Both of these people had spent their professional lives in the service of the youth of this community. They are shining examples of dedicated educators. May a small part of their reward lie in the affection with which their memory remains in the hearts of their students and associates.

The committee, comprising Mrs. Eleanor Ballway, Miss Eleanor Mansfield, Messrs. Erol Bowie, Norman Graves and Kenneth Sherk, met and organized with Kenneth Sherk as Chairman and Eleanor Mansfield as Secretary. Far more than the usual number of meetings were held to cope with problems arising from the losses mentioned above and the repairs to the Helen E. James building.

Routine maintenance of the buildings has been kept up and major renovations have been made in the high school building. These include a change from coal to oil heating, replacement of the plumbing, renovation of the lavatories, repairs to the roof and the installation of a new electric service entrance and panel which almost

doubles the electrical power available to the bulding. Community use of the school buildings has continued in both villages. The committee would like to see this use expanded under proper arrangements of supervision and control. We are grateful to the Gerald E. Larkin Post of the American Legion for making their hall available to the Haydenville pupils for physical education purposes.

We have continued the acquisition of more up-to-date books and the replacement of obsolete school furniture and typewriters. We need an audiometer and equipment and facilities for our science courses.

We have improved our high school program by the addition of ancient history and speech to the curriculum and the programs in the other grades by an increase in the availability of art, music, remedial reading and physical education. Penmanship is now taught by our own teachers, the outside supervisor having been dropped.

The Committee, after making a thorough survey of the field and interviewing many candidates, elected Mr. Edmond Houle to be Principal of the high school. Our committee agreed with the other towns of School Union No. 55 to appoint Mr. J. Walter Richard as Acting Superintendent. The special class required by state law has been put into operation. In conjunction with the towns of Worthington and Westhampton, we have taken advantage of the state aid contained in a recently enacted law and appointed Mr. N. Deming Hoyt as School Adjustment Counselor. We are pleased with his work and the resulting benefits to our system.

The number of pupils entering our high school was significantly higher this year. We continue to draw a number of students from nearby towns. These help to make our Junior-Senior High School less expensive and broader in educational opportunity.

We finished the year with something over seven hundred dollars which is turned back to the Town. We re-

ceived a total of $45, 361.69 from all sources. This money reverts to the Town.

We wish to express our thanks to the P.T.A. and all other parents, individuals and agencies who have helped contribute to the improvement, both physical and educational, of our school system .

KENNETH W. SHERK

For the School Committee

Superintendent's Report

To the Members of the School Committee:

The annual report of the Superintendent of Schools is herewith submitted. It is the fifty-fifth since the original school union was formed. There have been four reports since Union #55 was formed.

A very effective change in the Williamsburg Schools was the new type of written report sent to parents of elementary school children during this year. Teachers met several times to study and evaluate current methods of reporting throughout the country. These were obtained through the National Education Association. A Report of Progress was finally chosen and presented to the school committee for adoption. We feel that this revision makes a pupil's progress in school more detailed and more individual. These written reports are sent four times a year with the continuance of Parent-Teacher conferences in the Fall.

In compliance with General Laws, Chapter 71, Section 76, amended in 1954 by Chapter 514, the School Committee elected Miss Mary Anton on January 25 as teacher of the special class for mentally retarded pupils. This class is located in the Helen E. James School and at present all pupils are of elementary school age. The expense of this class is shared by the Division of Special Education.

In February we were saddened by the death of Miss Anne T. Dunphy, Principal and teacher of the Helen E. James School. Mrs. Frances Grinnell was elected as Acting Principal for the remainder of the school year.

The Massachusetts Elementary Principals' Conference held in Amherst each year was attended by the Superintendent of Schools, the Elementary Supervisor and the Principals of the Anne T. Dunphy and the Haydenville Schools.

At the Union #55 School Committee Meeting held in Easthampton this past year, Mr. Lucius A. Merritt was re-elected for a three-year term. Mr. J. Walter Richard, Elementary Supervisor, was elected as Assistant Superintendent in Charge of Elementary Education. The position of adjustment counselor for the Union was discussed and it was felt that such a person could not possibly serve the five towns effectively. Action was postponed until a later meeting.

It was recommended at this meeting by the Elementary Supervisor that some days be set aside periodically when teachers on different grade levels could meet to discuss common problems, evaluate new techniques and share views in regard to common aims in education. It was also felt that a planned physical education program from grades 1 through 8, by a trained person, would improve the present school curriculum. A part-time instructor for this position was requested.

Three teachers were placed on tenure in the Williamsburg schools this year. Mrs. Eleanor Soden and Mrs. Gertrude Ramstrom of the Anne T. Dunphy School and Mrs. Lula Smith of the Helen E. James School. Mrs. Evelyn Kmit was hired on a part-time basis to teach junior-senior high school physical education at this meeting, to start in September.

In September, Dr. Deming Hoyt of Northampton joined our staff to act as adjustment counselor for the towns of Williamsburg, Westhampton and Worthington. Mr. Hoyt comes to us very well qualified in both teaching and guidance work. He completed his undergraduate work at Co-

lumbia University and received his doctorate at Harvard University.

The position of adjustment counselor was initiated by the Massachusetts Department of Education for the purpose of counselling and helping children in the primary and elementary grades who are referred to him by a teacher, principal or other school personnel. The adjustment counselor is also to establish "helpful and kindly relationships with the home in the interest of all children in school, to enlist the interest and help of clergymen and other local leaders" and to serve as a referral agent. With these duties in mind, one can readily see that it would be physically impossible to serve all five towns adequately. Williamsburg is fortunate in obtaining the services of Mr. Hoyt.

Other new members added to our staff this year to carry on our educational program are Mr. James Fleming of Springfield, teacher of Latin and Ancient History, Miss Ann Sullivan, high school secretary, Mrs. Elizabeth Ferrante, Art Supervisor, and Mrs. Ruth McAvoy as school nurse.

Based on a recommendation made in April at the Union Meeting, it was decided to follow through with a workshop conference for all teachers in Union #55. The Massachusetts Department of Education was contacted in September with a request for assistance in obtaining speakers, consultants, and in helping to determine the curriculum areas in which teachers would benefit most. All teachers submitted suggestions and it was decided to concentrate on individual differences as applied in the Language Arts.

Miss Margaret Shea, State Supervisor of Elementary Educatio n,was most helpful with all aspects of the conference. This was held on November 13th. We were fortunate in obtaining two outstanding speakers, Dr. Elizabeth Foster of Worcester State Teachers College and Dr.

Charles Gadaire of American International College. Teachers evaluated the conference as excellent, mainly because their specific problems had been dealt with. It is our hope to continue the practice in future years.

Many of our teachers have taken courses for professional improvement throughout the past year. These courses were taken in the field of Drama, Science, Children's Literature, Audio-Visual Aids and Reading. We are fortunate in having teachers who feel that further study is needed if they are to meet the ever increasing needs of a rapidly changing society.

Through the courtesy and cooperation of F. N. Graves & Son, Inc., who again have donated to the School Department a dual control car, our driver education course has been offered in the high school under the supervision of Mr. Earl Tonet. This course is offered as an elective to students. To comply with the standards set by the Massachusetts Registry of Motor Vehicles and the National Educational Association, a minimum of twenty hours must be given in classrooom instruction, a minimum of six hours in behind-the-wheel driving and a minimum of six hours in observation. Mr. Tonet informs me that 75 students have been trained, licensed and certified since 1952, with 22 additional students enrolled at the present time.

The cafeteria at the Anne T. Dunphy School operated very successfully under the direction of Mrs. Helen Wells, assisted by Miss Neva Nash, Mrs. Grace Wells, Mrs. Alice Dion and Mrs. Charlotte Nye. Mrs. Wells reports the daily average lunches served are as follows: Junior High 55; Senior High 84; Anne T. Dunphy School 93; Haydenville School 33; adults 18.

It was voted to increase the days spent by Miss Healy, Music Supervisor. She is now conducting a three day week program. Miss Healy visits all elementary classes each week, carrying on a program of grade work in theory, song and music appreciation. The junior high

division has two music periods a week in which graded work, ensemble and part singing take place. Senior high students may elect Girls Glee Club for which credit is given.

The Glee Club furnished music last spring at graduation and made their customary fine appearance at the Western Massachusetts Music Festival. Two of our students were accepted for the Choral Division of the All-State Festival at Pittsfield, and one girl in the orchestral division. Our school orchestra meets once a week with several new members added this year.

Mr. Edmond Houle was chosen as Principal of the Helen E. James School. He comes to us well qualified, having served as high school principal, teacher and coach of basketball, baseball and track.

In June, Mr. Peter Ball, science teacher, left the high school to accept a similar position at Agawam High School. He was replaced by Mrs. Ann Sabo Belck of Goshen, an alumna of Williamsburg High. Mrs. Lula Smith resigned as teacher of English and was replaced by Mrs. Marie Thomas of Haydenville.

Of importance during this past year was the new law in Massachusetts which requires that public school teachers receive at least $3,000 per year. This did not affect Williamsburg teachers as all teachers were making at least this amount. Prior to this bill, minimums were set as follows: $2,300 a year in towns of less than $2,500,000 total valuation and $2,500 in the larger towns and cities.

Our school health program was conducted by Dr. Joseph Hobbs and Dr. Ruth Hemenway as school physicians, Dr. Glade Hall as school dentist and Mrs. Barbara Swanda and Mrs. Ruth McAvoy as school nurses.

Williamsburg was saddened by the death of Mr. Lucius A. Merritt in September. During the past three months, as Acting Superintendent, I have tried to maintain those

standards set by Mr. Merritt who so faithfully served the town of Williamsburg for 36 years.

I greatly appreciate the help and cooperation of the teachers, the School Committee, and other personnel of the Williamsburg Schools.

Respectfully submitted,

J. WALTER RICHARD

Acting Supt. of Schools

Report of School Nurse

Mr. J. Walter Richard

Acting Superintendent of Schools

Williamsburg, Mass.

Dear Mr. Richard:

The annual report of the school nurse is herewith submitted for the period from September 5, 1956 through December 31, 1956.

The school physicians, Doctors Hemenway and Hobbs were assisted with physical examinations in the Williamsburg and Haydenville Schools. 224 defects were noted. Parents have been notified of any condition requiring attention.

A very high percentage of pupils having flat feet were discovered during these examinations. An attempt is being made by the physical education department to remedy this situation.

471 children were examined via the Mass. Vision Test. The total number of children who failed the retest was 22. 26 referrals to eye specialists have been made. 4 of these were remedial reading pupils who passed the school vision test. It was felt however, that these children might benefit from the more detailed examination of an eye specialist.

Salk vaccine has been available and clinics held at proper intervals during this period by Doctors Hemenway and Hobbs. In view of the fact that free vaccine will

Article 35. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of $1,232.00 to cover costs of blueprints drawn up by the Housing and Home Finance Agency, Plan No. 19-P-15 Highway Bridges, for the Library Bridge in Haydenville, or take any other action thereon.

not be available for children this age when the school year ends in 1957, response has been somewhat disappointing.

The only outbreak of infectious disease, German Measles, was averted by Christmas vacation. Four cases only have come to my attention.

Two junior high school girls have been referred to State Orthopedic Clinics for attention to back injuries. There have been no major accidents at school during the year.

Inspection of eating habits in the cafeterias has been checked periodically. Parents have been notified of pupils who consistently show poor eating habits. Lunches carried from home have been of excellent nutritional quality, with a few exceptions.

The usual height-weight, classroom and sanitary inspection were held during the year.

At the beginning of the school year, dogs on the school grounds were a threat to the children. A boy in Haydenville was bitten. I like to think that a notice in the newspaper caused the quick disappearance of the dogs but perhaps it was the cold weather.

I wish to thank the School Board, Mr. Richard, the teachers, parents, and townspeople for their fine cooperation during my first year as School Nurse.

Respectfully submitted,

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Report of Physical Education Program

The physical education program which was instituted in the junior-senior high school last year was enlarged this year to include grades 1 through 6 in the Williamsburg and Haydenville Schools.

Classes in Williamsburg are conducted on the playground and in the gymnasium and in Haydenville on the playground and in the Legion Hall. The aim of the program in the lower grades is to develop basic motor skills in throwing, catching, running, skipping, marching, and rhythms. In the middle grades, use is made of these same skills in relay races, simple team games, and folk dances. In the upper grades, skills are accented in team play, marching drills, and individual sports such as jumping or sprinting. Good sportsmanship and good attitudes toward group participation, as well as mastery of basic skills are included in grading each child.

Each class also participates weekly in a short period of body-building exercises, to strengthen little-used muscles and promote good posture and health.

Respectfully submitted,

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